(e) Such information is not maintained centrally by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Locating NSG near airports

178. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to locate NSG near the airports so as to enable the force to travel quickly for any operation;

(b) if so, the details of such a plan or proposal;

(c) the total number of battalions in the NSG;

(d) whether Government is thinking of increasing the security guards in the NSG in the light of the constant threat to the security of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) NSG is exploring possibilities of getting some land closer to Delhi Airport for the purpose. However, no such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs from NSG so far.

(c) the NSG is not organised in battalion formations.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Allowing foreign visitors to visit Nagaland

179. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed foreign visitors to visit Nagaland for tourism;

(b) if so, where permits will be issued; and

(c) how long they can stay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Certain designated tour circuits have been opened for foreign tourists travelling in groups of four or more. Married couples are also allowed.